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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, June 1—Wherever workers are unmasking the failure of capitalism, communists will be there. Ten members of Progressive Labor Party (PLP) from Chicago and Los Angeles touched down in Minneapolis to join the rebels fighting racist kkkops and the capitalist system that murdered George Floyd. These rebels set the world on fire. PLP is present to follow their leadership and spread communist politics.

For days following the viral video of George Floyd's pleas of "**I can't breathe**" and calling out for his mother, Minneapolis workers brought the City's bosses to their knees. The rebels marched to the third precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) and as night fell, the might of the workers caused the cops to flee. Workers then set the symbol of racism, sexism and oppression on fire. The message to workers everywhere—we have the power.

The rebels blazed a trail of protests worldwide—from London to Dakar to

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OUR FIGHT

✰Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights to destroy capitalism and the dictatorship of the capitalist class. We organize workers, soldiers and youth into a revolutionary movement for communism.

✰The dictatorship of the working class — communism—can provide a lasting solution to the disaster that is today's world for billions of people. This cannot be done through electoral politics, but requires a revolutionary movement and a mass Red Army led by PLP.

✰Worldwide capitalism, in its relentless drive for profit, inevitably leads to war, fascism, poverty, disease, starvation and environmental destruction. The capitalist class, through its state power — governments, armies, police, schools and culture — maintains a dictatorship over the world's workers. The capitalist dictatorship supports, and is supported by, the anti-working-class ideologies of racism, sexism, nationalism, individualism and religion.

✰While the bosses and their mouthpieces claim "communism is dead," capitalism is the real failure for billions worldwide. Capitalism returned to Russia and China because socialism retained many aspects of the profit system, like wages and privileges. Russia and China did not establish communism.

✰Communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society. We will abolish work for wages, money and profits. While capitalism needs unemployment, communism needs everyone to contribute and share in society's benefits and burdens.

✰Communism means abolishing racism and the concept of "race." Capitalism uses racism to super-exploit Black, Latin, Asian and indigenous workers, and to divide the entire working class.

✰Communism means abolishing the special oppression of women— sexism—and divisive gender roles created by the class society.

✰Communism means abolishing nations and nationalism. One international working class, one world, one Party.

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✰Communism means the Party leads every aspect of society. For this to work, millions of workers — eventually everyone — must become communist organizers. Join Us!

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Editorial

Worldwide, workers rebel against racist murders

"There are decades where nothing happens; and there are weeks where decades happen."

—Vladimir Lenin

Millions of workers in more than 50 countries have taken the streets with bold and inspiring rebellions against the racist police lynchings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, and too many others. The uprisings expose a system that has failed on every level. From Nigeria to Pakistan, from Mexico and Brazil to Germany and France, this antiracist movement has electrified the workers of the world to fight back against the capitalist bosses' terror.

Mass multiracial struggle is unstoppable when it's led by politically advanced Black workers and communist ideas. Many workers have embraced communist leadership in this moment. Many more are looking for something better than the rulers' sell-out liberal politicians, their merry-go-round of empty reforms, and their brutal path toward fascism and inter-imperialist war. It is the historic task of Progressive Labor Party (PLP) to lead the international working class to seize state power, smash the capitalists' dictatorship, and end for all time the profit system's deadly racism and sexism. The only solution to murders-by-cop is communist revolution!

Capitalist bosses: the most violent criminals

When huge protests broke out after George Floyd's execution by four killer cops in Minneapolis, the rulers' media and politicians first focused on a handful of looters and a few firebombed police cars. They condemned what they called "riots" and demanded that all protests be "peaceful."

Meanwhile, anyone on the streets—or with a working television—was witnessing the systematic violence of the baton-swinging Klan-in-blue. As thousands of workers risked their health and lives in a pandemic to protest racist police murder, the bosses doubled down with more fascist terror. In Brooklyn, a police van drove into a crowd of demonstrators. In Buffalo, the kkkops knocked down a 75-year-old man and left him bleeding on the concrete with a critical head injury. The bosses' mad dogs indiscriminately shot people in the head with rubber bullets, leaving some permanently blinded. Reporters were clearly targeted. (When U.S. capitalism is in crisis, "constitutional rights" don't apply.) In Louisville, Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old EMT, was riddled with eight bullets after narcotics detectives invaded her home, and a "community pillar" named David McAtee was shot and killed outside his barbecue restaurant (abcnews.com, 6/2).

When the bosses' bought-and-paid-for mayors imposed curfews, a historic tool "to restrict the movement and liberties of free and enslaved" Black workers (Washington Post, 6/3), the cops had a green light for chemical warfare with tear gas and pepper spray. As he made the marchers even more vulnerable to Covid-19, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio praised the cops for their "restraint." Governor Andrew Cuomo, the mayor's fellow liberal fascist, denied that cops had bludgeoned protesters "for no reason," a bald-faced lie he was forced to walk back (slate.com, 6/4). In Washington, DC, as Terrorist-in-Chief Donald Trump cowered in his White House bunker, top Pentagon officials ordered National Guard helicopters to buzz low over nearby demonstrators, a "display of force usually reserved for combat zones" (New York Times, 6/6).

The truth is that the biggest instrument of violence, worldwide, is the bosses' state: their government, military forces, cops, courts, schools, and media. The capitalists murder millions every year through imperialist war, mass unemployment, deplorable health care, unaffordable housing, and the profit-driven poisoning of our air, water, and food. During the pandemic, uncounted tens of thousands of workers around the world have died in their homes for lack of access to health care. Many were turned away by overwhelmed local hospitals after decades of budget cuts and closings. As always, Black, Latin, and indigenous workers have been ravaged out of proportion to their population. More than 1,200 U.S. health and medical workers published an open letter hailing the protests, calling anti-racism "vital to the public health" (CNN, 6/5).

Police murder: as American as apple pie

Despite plummeting U.S. crime rates over the last 30 years, police department budgets have kept steadily going up. Each year, the cops kill about 1,000 workers, a high percentage of them Black or Latin. Every so often, a new police reform is adopted: civilian review boards, or body cameras, or "racial sensitivity" training. Or the next wave of Black mayors and police chiefs. None of them make any difference. Democratic politicians are just as complicit in these lynchings as Republicans. During his eight years as president, Barack Obama and his Black attorney general, Eric Holder, refused to bring charges against the police who slaughtered Michael Brown in Ferguson, or Eric Garner on Staten Island, or Freddie Gray in Baltimore. They sat on their hands after Trayvon Martin was killed by a civilian wannabe cop in Florida. When protesters lit up Baltimore after Gray's murder, Obama blasted them as criminals and "thugs," the classic racist code for Black rebels (Reuters, 6/1).

Since the onset of the Covid-19 outbreak, in a period of extreme racist inequality and the breakdown of basic infrastructure to keep workers alive and healthy, U.S. billionaires have looted an additional $434 billion (Common Dreams, 5/28). With rising instability both within the U.S. and internationally, the bosses need social control more than ever. Though they may try to quell the protests by restructuring the police, the bosses cannot outsource the class war against furious workers. They need their kkkops for that. As the Washington Post noted, "Even amid the coronavirus pandemic and orders that kept millions at home for weeks, police shot and killed 463 people through the first week of June — 49 more than the same period in 2019. In May, police shot and killed 110 people, the most in any one month since The Post began tracking such incidents" (6/8).

The new abolitionism

Joe Biden, the racist nitwit the Democrats are running against Trump, has his own shameful history as a police shill. In a speech on the Senate floor in 1994, the year he authored the legislation that ushered in mass incarceration in the U.S., Biden said, "Anybody who does not want cops, then do not ask for them; send them my way. Send them to Philadelphia, Wilmington, Trenton, the area I live in. And my daughter will be safer, my wife will be safer, my mother will be safer, and I will be safer. And I will be happy" (NYT, 6/1). More recently, as workers rebelled, Biden offered a suggestion to improve police training: [Y]ou shoot 'em in the leg instead of in the heart" (foxnews.com, 6/1).

More sophisticated reformers, like Black Lives Matter, have proposed a package of eight measures they claim would reduce police violence by 72 percent. Others, including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, are leading calls to "defund" the cops and limit their scope of operations. The Minneapolis City Council went so far as to declare its intent to "dismantle" and "abolish" its rabid police force (The Guardian, 6/7). Mainstream Democrats like Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi are pushing back against these initiatives. The finance capitalists, the bosses' main wing, have a problem they cannot solve. On the one hand, they need to keep the loyalty of Black workers, both to get Trump out of office and, down the road, to fight in World War III. On the other hand, they need the cops to defend the bosses' interests by terrorizing workers—and specifically Black workers. Black women and men, the most exploited and oppressed, have the greatest potential to give our class revolutionary leadership.

While Black Lives Matter's reformism and identity

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Rebel against racism, organize for communism



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Bangkok to Kingston to Rio de Janeiro—proving once again that Black workers are key to revolution (see page 8). This uprising was not only about George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, or Alex Flores. It was also about workers rebelling against a system that relies on racism to make profits and keep us divided (see page 5). Even if this kkkop Derek Chauvin is convicted, the police will continue to have open season in our class. Even if the police are "defunded," the role of police (protect the bosses, terrorize the workers) will remain. They may just be cops by a different name or in a different suit.

To abolish police murder and racism, we need nothing short of a system based on need and collectivity instead of profit (see page 2).

"Oh so you're communist communist?"

When PLP landed, we met with friends and protesters who had been taking part in the fearless uprising. Many said how empowered workers felt in Minneapolis and how they were dedicated to real change. They and many others PL met were thankful that people had come from other cities to support and fight alongside them (see box, page 3). PL'ers salute the rebels for the leadership they gave to the international working class.

Collectively we discussed what labor and life under communism would look like. We discussed the need for the rebellion to evolve into a communist revolution. Everyone agreed that attacking the bosses' source of power (banks, police stations, media stations) was good. Now, we must fight to build a communist world on the ashes of capitalism. When the protests ebb, workers must continue and build a party to sustain the fightback. One day, PLP and workers will lead the revolution for an egalitarian world.

Message from a Minneapolis rebel

A local protester said,

*"That peaceful sh*t don't work…When America wanna take [something], they go to war and fight. That's what we gotta do…Anybody from anywhere [can] come here and turn up…This is not just about Minnesota…it's everywhere…Keep this sh*t going. Y'all can't be scared. There's more people in the population than there is police. Y'all gotta keep fighting!"*

(see video on twitter @PLPchallenge).

Bank burned & converted to bathroom

PL'ers and local friends rallied with 500 workers and witnessed the solidarity first hand. Black, white, Asian, Latin, and Muslim workers were sharing water, facemasks, and food. Wells Fargo Bank was burned down and converted into a makeshift bathroom for protesters. What an inspiration it was to see yet another symbol capitalist exploitation burned. This is the kind of leadership our class needs and deserves.

In front of the remains of Wells Fargo, PL'ers unfurled two banners. One called for justice for Alex Flores, 34-year-old Latin worker murdered by Los Angeles Police Department, effectively connecting one struggle to another. The other banner called for workers to join PLP to fight racist murder, calling out the killer Chicago Police Department (CPD). PL'ers and friends distributed 200 CHALLENGEs and 200 leaflets titled "Minneapolis Leads the Way—Burn This System Down." PL'ers made speeches on the bullhorn about why we were there and our line against capitalism, racism and sexism (see twitter @PLPchallenge).

Eighty workers gathered to hear about communism. They cried out in agreement. Many asked about PLP. Everyone took a copy of CHALLENGE. It's clear that communist politics belong to the working class and our class is eager to hear it, own it, and be involved in fighting for a better world.

Break curfew, give leadership

At 8 PM, phones went off to warn us that the curfew had begun. So we started marching.

PL'ers were close to the front of the large march, leading in chants like "**Racism means—we got to fight back!**" The fighters loved the chants and embraced our call for working-class unity under one revolutionary communist party, PLP.

As the march was passing through an empty intersection on the way to downtown, cops drove right into the middle of the march. PL'ers were in front of the cops, who immediately shot tear gas canisters, rubber bullets, and stun grenades into the protest. Some fighters retreated. It was clear however that the march must go on.

The PL'ers were not from Minneapolis and didn't know the literal lay of the land. Yet, the workers looked at the PL'ers for political leadership. Clearly, communist politics had won the confidence of the workers. PLP led the march for three miles through downtown Minneapolis.

When PLP walked the distance back to their cars, they saw the military vehicles driving up the closed expressway. This militarized police presence is proof of the fear that a militant and organized working class instills in the bosses. The bosses' state was ready to throw all their might on us to protect their system. Rebellions, especially when multiracial and led by Black youth , put terror in the hearts of the exploiters. As it should.

Workers need communism

The experience in Minneapolis was inspiring and confirmed the necessity for communist politics. Rebellions in and of themselves will not lead to a revolution without the organization of the working class. The workers need to be armed with communist ideas. When communists are willing to lead, workers will take up the call—in the streets, on the job, in the churches, or in a study group.

PLP will build with the working class everywhere we are. It's a lifetime of fighting, but we have fire in our bellies to fight for communism! To smash racism, join PLP!✪

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To abolish racism, we need communist revolution

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politics are dangerous and divisive to our class, it's a positive sign that more workers are aspiring to live in "a police-free society," as the Minneapolis Council president called it. But we won't be able to get there until we destroy capitalism, the source of all racism and inequality.

Communism is the only alternative join PLP!

As the revolutionary communist leader Mao Zedong once said, "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun." The ruling class will not peacefully hand over their state power or give up their trillions of dollars of profits. If only it were so easy! Historically, big changes—even within the limits of a reform struggle—come about only after workers resort to violence. Consider John Brown and the other armed abolitionists who helped to end slavery, or the gunfighting union coal miners of the 1920s. The gains of the U.S. civil rights movement wouldn't have happened without armed self-defense groups like the Deacons for Defense and Justice—or the bosses' fear that urban uprisings would destroy their assets and undermine their Cold War competition with the Soviet Union.

But real and lasting change requires something more: organized mass violence to seize state power and make a new society run by and for the working class. Though their communist revolutions were later reversed, that's what happened in Russia and China. That's what Progressive Labor Party believes in. Individualistic looting or spontaneous violence won't get workers what we need. Working class anger is a good and powerful thing, but it must be directed in a strategic way against the bosses. We need millions of workers internationally to join us to smash the bosses' state with violent communist revolution.

We made it all, we'll take it all!

Over the last two weeks, a multiracial, multigenerational, international fightback has given us a glimpse of workers' potential and power. In New York and Minneapolis, bus drivers refused to take detained protestors off to jail. In Washington, a man sheltered 70 young rebels in his home overnight to help them avoid arrest. Medical workers are heading straight from their long hospital shifts to the latest rally. We don't need the bosses' politicians to pacify our anger. We don't need the bosses' cops to keep "order" by choking the life out of our brothers and sisters. We are who we have been waiting for!

At some point, the street protests will die down. That's when we'll need to carry the same fighting spirit back to our jobs and schools and churches. End the capitalist police state nightmare! Fight for communism! Join PLP!✪

Flatbush: communist speeches set tone for rally

BROOKLYN, May 31—As outrage over George Floyd's cold-blooded killing spilled out onto the streets, members of Progressive Labor Party (PLP) converged on a huge protest in Flatbush, Brooklyn. It was to begin where our May Day march has ended for several years. At this very spot our sound truck has been a platform for sisters and mothers of Black workers and youth killed by police in Brooklyn and Baltimore.

These women have helped to lead the working class in calls to shut this racist system down with communist revolution! They have taught PL'ers precious lessons about what it means to be strong fighters, no matter what. For the families of Shantel Davis, Kyam Livingston, Kimani Gray and Tyrone West justice means a world where nobody else has to face the loss that they have suffered. They have seen this justice denied by mayors and prosecutors both Black and white, by police chiefs and city councils composed of women and men, Republican and Democrat.

These brave women understand better than any of us that the capitalist system means injustice. And they agree to some extent that only a communist world can bring the justice they seek. This hard-won unity flowing from principled political struggle over a long period of time became transformed into a source of tremendous confidence on the part of 20 or so PL'ers and friends at this massive rally on the morning after a vicious police riot just over a mile away on Flatbush Avenue.

Communism: threat to racist rulers

Widely shared images of this police riot the night before did not prevent thousands from showing up the next day. Their determination to march was matched by the determination of the PL'ers and friends to guarantee that communist politics remained prominent at a rally called by a local anti-racist housing rights organization. Our bullhorn was loud, reaching over half the crowd. The anti-communism of a local leader who cynically, privately and for the first time ever claimed to be a communist himself in order to draw us away from our bold call for communist revolution failed.

After a speech celebrating the bravery and multiracial character of all the antiracist fighters present, the first PLP speaker closed with the sharp rebuke that in this fight for justice **'there can never be too many communists!'** and the crowd, distinctly, responded with cheers!

The second speaker was a high school student who has seen the Party grow amid the 2018 youth movement against gun violence and saw the Party weather anti-communist investigations at her school in 2016. She spoke with passion, giving a speech she had a chance to practice the day before at a protest outside a federal detention center. The crowd urged her on as she laid out why this government can never bring justice. She nailed Democrat racist Amy KKKlobuchar who set killer kkkop Chauvin free to kill again as typical of the dangerous liberal misleaders we must beware of.

Her alternative, the multiracial unity of the working class fighting for revolution and communism, was wildly cheered by a huge number of protesters! Many also cheered when a later speaker called for filling out census forms and voting, but not one elected official spoke.

When communism is about as popular as the census and voting in a crowd of thousands of politically engaged and highly motivated young people, the ruling class is starting to have a different kind of problem on its hands, and even more importantly the working class is starting to see its way toward justice apart from the capitalist system. Onward!✪

Confront racist cops with communist discipline

BROOKLYN, May 31—"We were raised with the history of Haiti...that nonviolence gets you killed and people in America haven't understood that yet. Everyone needs to learn about Haiti but the racist education system never teaches about it. People need to understand that this enemy won't stop and it's either we agree to slavery or they keep murdering us. Either we cut off their heads and burn down their houses or they murder us. That's what this war is."

Indeed, it will take a disciplined, organized, violent revolution to get rid of this racist, capitalist system and the killer kkkops that it breeds.

After hearing two inspiring communist speeches at the opening rally (see article above), we heard a militant young woman give this speech on Church and Bedford Avenues. It was her first demonstration. Our multiracial group of seven community college students, faculty and friends marched along with thousands of our working class sisters and brothers. We held up PLP's CHALLENGE newspapers reading "COMMUNISM WILL END RACIST POLICE TERROR" as our banners, protesting against the most recent racist murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and countless others.

Working collectively: meeting during battle

With masses cheering the several calls for communist revolution, we marched down one of Brooklyn's busiest streets, Flatbush Avenue. Bus drivers blared their horns and raised their fists as we chanted the names of Black youth murdered by the racist police, while marching past graffitied and smashed up NYPD police cars.

Then, the limits of liberal reformist and pacifist leadership quickly became apparent, and the strength of communist discipline became necessary. At the intersection of Bedford and Tilden Avenues, streams of riot police lined up along the sidewalks. A police helicopter dropped almost to the level of the streetlights and began spraying an unidentified liquid. Combining that with a lack of communist organizational leadership in the march, chaos broke out, and workers began running in different directions.

We interlocked arms to prevent separation. When we saw the riot police surrounding us, we had a brief discussion. Having a discussion while being surrounded by riot police might seem strange. But, when still led by communists in the 1940s, the Red Army in China figured out how to meet in the middle of battles. We checked in and resolved to stick together no matter what. We got out of the cop encirclement and decided to keep marching, but not long after, we were once again boxed in.

The cops were now effectively leading the march, because the march had no communist leadership to seize back the initiative from the cops. The cops split the march into different sections of hundreds of workers, marching up and down different blocks. As police set up more barricades, other cops lined up, periodically swinging their batons and then pulling back to the perimeter.

We reevaluated. The march was leaderless, and without any objective. Based on our strength and numbers, we collectively decided to leave. As we left, we discussed mass violence for communist revolution versus nonviolence, how capitalism needs racism, and Haitian history. We had distributed 100 CHALLENGEs.

Pacifists, nationalists, anarchists: deadly misleaders

Today we saw how pacifism only leads to a dead end for the working class. Whereas Black nationalism and identity politics divide and separate our class, pacifism and nonviolence pacify the working class to "cool off" and play by the bosses' rules. Pacifist politics leave us unprepared to deal with the chaos the police instigate.

And when the bosses succeed in creating chaos, a working class without communist leadership responds with chaotic violence instead of disciplined, coordinated, militant fightback. The cops take advantage to beat and arrest while the bosses' media point their cameras and blame the workers for "rioting." Meanwhile, anarchist groups and other misleaders enter this vacuum to provoke individualist violence. Only with a mass PLP do workers stand a chance to fight and smash capitalist state power: with a workers' dictatorship.

Overrun capitalism with communist revolution

The international working class indeed has much to learn from Haiti. The Haitian Revolution's slogan about the French imperialists "**koupe tèt, boule kay**" (cut off their heads and burn down their houses) is a proud PLP chant every May Day.

We have much to learn from our militant new comrades and friends, who all agreed to join our Party study group and to distribute and discuss CHALLENGE. We hope these militant fighters will agree that the Progressive Labor Party is worthy of their commitment and membership, and help lead the international communist revolution all the way.

From Port-au-Prince to Minneapolis to Aden to Beijing, the working class shall overrun this racist, sexist, imperialist capitalist system once and for all.

For George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and too many other names, our victory will be their vengeance.✪

SOLIDARITY FROM WORKERS IN MEXICO

OAXACA, MX, June 8—Militant revolutionary greetings from the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) collective in Oaxaca. We offer our solidarity and support during your exemplary fight against the racist and fascist police forces who killed George Floyd. You are an example to the world.This racism is engendered by the capitalist system and carried out by the ruling class in the United States through its fascist police, who commit crimes against the working class on the streets, in the factories, stores, schools and especially against Black and Latin workers.

Racism is promoted by the capitalist class to divide and super exploit the working class. It is a political and ideological strategy the bosses use to boost their profits and preserve their criminal exploitation. Today, the anger and fed up feelings reached their limits, as many major cities in the U.S. saw workers hit the streets rebelling against the racist police.

Racism is running rampant throughout the world, promoted by the capitalist ruling classes. On June 4, Giovanni López Ramírez, a construction worker, was beaten to death by police in Ixtlahuacán de los Membrillos, Jalisco, México. The police say he had no face mask, (a measure against Covid-19) dictated by the governor of the state, Enrique Alfaro, member of the Partido Movimiento Ciudadano (MC), an arm of the Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI), one of the main political parties in Mexico.

Workers took to the streets defying the zero-tolerance campaign in the state. The ruling class, as usual, responded with repression, using their criminal police, injuring and arresting dozens of rebels.Because of the problems caused by the criminal capitalist system, the fight against racism is key in our fight toward a communist world.

Fight on comrades, the communist future is ours!✪

Mexico: COVID-19 and the deadly virus of capitalism

In early June, the official numbers of those infected with Covid-19 had exceeded 110,000 and 11,000 deaths had been registered in Mexico. Other sources such as Mexicanos Primero (MP), the New York Times, SkyNews of the United Kingdom or El País of Spain, have uncovered significant underreporting of the number of patients, and they estimate that the deaths are much higher than the official numbers. MP is the bosses' group that, allied with Televisa, promoted the educational reform that attacked the labor rights of thousands of teachers in the country. All their numbers are incorrect because all bosses, national or imperialist, treat workers as disposable.

What the government figures hide, is that the infections and deaths are a reflection of the inequality of the capitalist system and the contradictions between the working class and the capitalist class. The largest number of sick and dead are workers in the marginalized neighborhoods of big cities, workers in the maquilas and health workers, mainly in –Iztapalapa, Nezahualcóyotl, Mexicali and Tijuana–. That difference is a reflection that this criminal capitalist system cannot protect the health and life of the working class.

Mexico had enough time to prepare and acquire the necessary protective equipment and supplies to deal with the pandemic. For example, just a few weeks ago planes began arriving from China and the United States with tons of supplies. Meanwhile thousands of health workers became ill and hundreds died. But the health authorities and the government were not only irresponsible in not buying the equipment on time, but also in distributing it too late; Throughout the pandemic there have been constant protests by hospital staff demanding masks, gloves, and protective suits. Mexico has purchased more than $56 million in respirators, face masks, gowns, gloves, and more (Aristegui Noticias, 4/9). This was done to silence the protests of medical personnel who have had to work for decades in the precarious public health services.

The health system in Mexico is broken because the bosses and their government, in the last four decades, have prioritized the growth of private healthcare systems at the expense of public services. So now, there is a lack of doctors, nurses, clinics, and hospitals in public health institutions. The working conditions of health workers have also been under attack. Low wages and loss of rights like pensions and even the right to free medical services demonstrate this. Many doctors and nurses have to work in more than one public or private health institution to earn a living wage.

The current government says it is transforming health services and the workers' conditions in that sector. But the reality is different, as between a third and a quarter of the patients with Covid-19 are health workers. Hundreds have died due to the criminal negligence of the health authorities who have not provided them with the minimum equipment and means of protection to care for Covid-19 patients (Aristegui Noticias, 6/2). Furthermore, to meet the growing demand of coronavirus patients, they have to work longer and more strenuous days due to the lack of personnel.

The government has opted for political theatrics to deal with the pandemic, clad in pseudo-scientific language. Every night the epidemiologist responsible for the strategy reports statistics on the number of sick and dead, on the prognosis of infections and the occupancy rate in hospitals that are increasingly less credible. This has increased the mistrust of many workers about the very existence of the virus and the danger it represents. This mistrust is natural towards a government that has always lied to benefit the capitalist class.

Members and friends of the Party have denounced the racist genocide represented by the inability and ineptitude of the Mexican government and of the capitalist system to deal with the pandemic. The ruling class has put its profits over the health and lives of the workers. Only a system led by the working class is capable of putting the interest of humanity above the profiteering interests of a minority. That is why we organize study groups with our base to clarify these ideas, stay united and prepare to support health workers. They are fighting for better working conditions which, in turn, will save workers' lives. ✪

Bosses' liberal politicians are the main danger

As workers take to the streets both protesting racist killer kkkops and being sent back to work as cities begin to reopen amidst the deadly Covid-19 pandemic, the bosses' liberal misleaders continue to be the biggest threats to our working-class lives. Wolves in sheeps clothing, these murderous liars are the Big Fascist's mouthpieces as they seek to pacify the masses. Progressive Labor Party rejects all of the bosses' servants—regardless of their race, gender, or sexuality. We will not be fooled into following a multicultural dictatorship of the bosses. The following are a few ways these misleaders try to co-opt the movement or buy back allegiance to this system.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

From the data we have, it still seems to be rare that an asymptomatic person actually transmits onward to a secondary individual … It's very rare.

— Maria van Kerkhove, an infectious disease epidemiologist.

On Tuesday, Van Kerkhove had to "clear up" "misunderstandings" about her statements claiming "very few studies" had even attempted following asymptomatic cases.

NEW YORK

If those protestors had just gotten out of the way we wouldn't be talking about this situation...Any protester that tries to take the humanity away from a police officer and devalue them just because they are a public servant is no better than the racists who devalue people of color and particularly black men in America.

— NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio

I believe the mayor underestimates the scope of the problem. I believe he underestimates the duration of the problem, and I don't think they've used enough police to address the situation…

— Governor Andrew Cuomo



WASHINGTON D.C.

I don't think the slogan [DEFUND THE POLICE] represents what a lot of people are calling for. I think a lot of people are calling for reform. I think 'reform police' may have been a better slogan, and I think that there are probably a lot of departments across this country that need that focus.

— Mayor Muriel Bowser

CALIFORNIA

The black community is not responsible for what's happening in this country — we are. People have lost patience for a reason

— Governor Gavin Newsom, the same day he activated 4,500 National Guard members to "respond to protests if needed.

We have to figure out a way to humanize both sides of the barricades right now...First and foremost, to humanize black people in this country who have disproportionately been dehumanized. But it can't ever be a one-way street to dehumanize a person who wears a badge. We need them to hear us, but we need to hear them or else we're going to isolate them into islands that results in the sort of policing we don't want to see.

— Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

NATIONWIDE

Anybody who does not want cops, then do not ask for them; send them my way … Send them to Philadelphia, Wilmington, Trenton, the area I live in. And my daughter will be safer, my wife will be safer, my mother will be safer, and I will be safer. And I will be happy.

— Democratic Presidential Candidate, Joe Biden

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We encourage all CHALLENGE readers to send in letters and articles about their experiences fighting the bosses worldwide.



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Boston May Day caravan

The Progressive Labor Party here led a May Day car caravan from East Boston to Chelsea, Mass. Eighteen cars with revolutionary and antiracist signs and red flags paraded through these neighborhoods declaring our solidarity with immigrant workers ravaged by Covid-19.

People on the street greeted us with raised fists, waves, and thumbs up. Many approached the car windows to take copies of CHALLENGE. When we passed the Chelsea Soldiers Home (where 28 veterans have died from Covid-19), several vets welcomed us with waves and cheers.

Chelsea and East Boston are mainly working-class immigrant communities. Most of Chelsea workers are essential workers in jobs like nursing homes, hospitals, or grocery stores. Chelsea has the highest infection rate from Covid-19 in the state (over five percent), and there are more Covid-19 deaths in Massachusetts (4,979) than in all of China (4,633). Since the pandemic, workers line up daily to try to get food from food banks. The appalling disparity in numbers is a racist result of capitalism's total failure to protect the lives of workers.

Here are some of our English and Spanish signs. The chants are bolded.

The capitalists are parasites. The working class is the essential class. We need production for need, not profit!

Fight for communism, power to the workers! ¡Luchemos por comunismo, Obreros al poder!

Immigrantes y estadounidenses nativos: mismo enemigo, una misma lucha (Immigrants and citizens: same enemy, same fight)

It's not just Trump, it's Capitalism! ; ¡No es solamente Trump--es tambien el Capitalismo!

Destruyamos deportaciones racistas, Smash Racist Deportations

Destruyamos el Imperialismo--No más ricos, No más pobres (Destroy imperialism—no more rich, no more poor).

The initial hesitation gave way to excitement to celebrate May Day and reach the working class. It felt like a success. Communism is alive and well! During this pandemic, more than ever we must show workers he- and youth that the capitalist system is utterly bankrupt.

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CORRECTION: CUNY chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez makes $690,000 per year (seethroughny.net), not $7,000,000 like previously reported in CHALLENGE (6/10). Rodríguez's reported salary also does not include an annual housing stipend of $100,000.

Support for Malcolm, struggle against Black nationalism

My student Malcolm, a 16-year-old Black intellecdtual and fighter, got brutalized by the NYPD during a protest against police terror. In response, our principal said to not get involved and "let the parents handle it." So, I did what any good communist teacher would do: organized a multiracial home visit to show solidarity with this student and their family.

Why would my Black woman principal ban support for Malcom? On paper, Malcolm is a failure. His grades are low. He doesn't wear his uniform. He talks back. In reality, Malcolm is a working-class leader and the world needs millions more like him. Malcolm gives respect to those who earned it. He is a voracious reader and a political debater. Most importantly, he has the courage to stand up against racism. Malcolm should be celebrated, not discarded. A system that treats Malcolm like this does not deserve to breathe. Malcolm's situation exposes how this capitalist education system fails the very students it claims to serve.

The same week Malcolm was terrorized by the police, my school was trying to figure out how to respond to the George Floyd protests. As a new teacher, I am learning some lessons at my school. The first is how identity politics is a disease that infects workers. One Black teacher, whom I was fond of for her pro-student positions in the past, decided to organize segregated student activities. The Black teachers would hold the real conversations while the non-Black teachers would hold "self-care" activities. I, a South Asian teacher, responded by explaining that in a racist world, our school can be a safespace for antiracism, and we can begin by ensuring multiracial discussions. No one should be able to "opt out" of antiracism. You cannot fight racism by dividing our own forces. In the end, the multiracial spaces won out, but I couldn't guarantee multiracial politics in every virtual room.

The hollowness of these Black nationalist politics revealed itself when the most pro-Black teacher, organizer of segregation, stayed silent for Malcolm. When tested, Black nationalism hurts Black youth and our entire class's ability to fight back.

In defiance of the principal's orders, a multiracial crew of 5 teachers showed up to visit Malcolm and his family. His mother didn't say, "Oh you aren't all Black. I don't need your support." The family was elated to have solidarity.

Their reaction is confirmation that a) a teacher's job is to be pro-student and fight racism and b) Black nationalist politics can't stand up to working-class struggle.This struggle helped me figure out who I can count on at work. I've gotten close to two educators—one Black woman and one white man. (Both received CHALLENGE and attended May Day.) Both teachers have proven themselves to be antiracists. Together, we can build a foundation to continue to fight racist ideas and practices at the workplace. I have yet to win them to the outlook that only communism can eradicate racism once and for all. The fight to build a culture of antiracist fightback is just beginning.

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Using CHALLENGE to organize antiracism

As workers and students worldwide have exploded with militant, antiracist fightback, our Brooklyn-based community college Progressive Labor Party club has discussed how to sharpen our organizing for communist revolution: where the working class runs the world. We reached out to friends and focused on mailing out more copies of CHALLENGE, and our ongoing study group took a qualitative step forward.

As a result, two weeks ago, the study group was attended by 12 antiracists. This multiracial study group included Black, white and immigrant workers, women and men. Some were new, others had participated in a sharp antiracist campus struggle to remove an infamous racist administrator two years ago. We discussed the current antiracist demonstrations and rebellions worldwide and made a plan of action.

That plan included marching in a rally the next day. Seven students and friends joined us; some were marching for the first time (see article on page 4). One young Muslim woman started sharing CHALLENGE and the latest PL Magazine article, **"Black Workers' Leadership: Key Revolutionary Force"** with her family, friends and relatives in east Africa (see www.plp.org for a copy).

After the demonstration, we followed up with more contacts; and more copies of CHALLENGE will be mailed.

This focus on following up with our base and boldness with our communist politics led to 20 people joining our most recent study group. Our club also resolved to be bolder about bringing CHALLENGE to our base and in our neighborhoods. Our collective mass CHALLENGE distribution increased from 40 per issue to 445. According to reportbacks, the stores that distribute CHALLENGE have a real readership. One bodega offered to collect donations for the paper.

This increase in mass distribution has a direct relationship to our confidence and boldness in getting CHALLENGE out to our base. Our maximum hand-to-hand jumped from 28 papers per issue to 50. For the next issue, several readers are asking for additional papers both in English and Spanish, and papers are being mailed internationally.

When we are bold with our communist ideas and leadership to the international working class, the working class responds, and our limits grow. Our club's next challenge is to make home visits, discuss communist ideas more fully, and find creative ways for our friends to fight back. Meanwhile, we prepare for our next study group.

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NEWARK: Capitalism is the virus, communism is the cure

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Workers hungry for communist leadership

5,000 multiracial, and multigenerational workers were ready and looking for a way to fight back. More than a 1,000 took copies of CHALLENGE. The headline of the latest CHALLENGE – "Communism Will End Racist Police Terror" – put our line right up front.

With a bullhorn, electrifying politics and chants, PLP energized about 500 workers. Many went off against capitalism:

"They are not only killing my brother and everyone else that has been killed by the police. You are killing a family. You killed our lack of trust in this system. We tried to get justice. What did they do in return? They promoted the cop stating it was robbery homicide...This is for my generation when I was growing up I didn't see no justice and nobody gave a damn. He was just another fallen statistic and it happened in our streets in Newark, New Jersey."

"People are living better with unemployment then going to work...I'm tired of seeing my little nieces and nephews go to school and not learn a damn thing...I'm tired of going to the hospital and having to pay big ass bills for something small. How the hell can we afford to live...How the hell are we living under constant injustice and oppression but they expect us to keep calm. We are not going to keep calm. Another one is dead. So that means all of us are rising up."

These rallies showed us two things. First, youth and workers are looking for revolutionary ideas. Second, the local ruling class in Newark, led by Mayor Ras Baraka, has maintained the anger of the working class by claiming to reform the cops so that they can work for them. Kkkops won't exist in a communist world because there wouldn't be a ruling class system of bosses and profits to protect. Workers internationally will provide for one another as a community making use of materials as needed. Capitalism is the disease and communism is the cure.✪

ASIAN, LATIN, BLACK, AND WHITE— TO SMASH RACISM, WE MUST UNITE!



WORCESTER, MA, May 30—Today the Progressive Labor Party (PLP), along with 200 friends from the Worcester community, came out with only a days' notice, to lead the first of three demonstrations protesting the racist lynching of George Floyd, and to support the thousands of rebels in Minnesota, who are protesting the kkk-killer cops. The murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Alex Flores, Zachary Bear Heel, Eyad Hallaq and many others, have moved millions of people to militantly oppose racist police murders, not just here but around the world.

At the demonstration a PLP member spoke and shared historically how capitalism created race and racism to divide the working class, exploiting white workers and super exploiting Black, Latin, Indigenous, Asian and undocumented workers, making super profits from their stolen labor. Our comrade asked everyone which side they were on and to join us and fight for an egalitarian communist world where racism, sexism, borders and imperialist wars are outlawed and the distribution of wealth is shared. She urged everyone to join the PLP.

As we led chants, people drove by, honked their horns in support, and took our flyers and CHALLENGEs. At one point a train conductor gave us the power fist sign and blared his horn as he passed by. A firetruck honked in support of us.

When a car of racists drove by heckling us, protesters holding signs chanted, "Black lives matter!" and, "**Racism means we got to fight back**" to drown them out.

We led several passionate chants: Same enemy, same fight! Workers of the world fight back!, and had an open microphone where young people spoke about why they were out here. Many of these youth showed their class anger and pain about what the cops and politicians are doing. Our comrade spoke about how the entire profit system is guilty as hell and that reforms are not enough.

Some of the bosses in City Hall tried to disrupt the demonstration by sending out social media posts saying that the PLP rally was cancelled. However, we prevailed and went forward! One of the bright spots at our demonstration was that there were no politicians present.

The killing of George Floyd and so many others shows that the bosses' profits and racist culture has to be destroyed. Capitalism cannot be fixed. The message of the Progressive Labor Party at this rally was that racism, sexism, fascism and the profit system that supports them have to be destroyed with a communist revolution in which production would be for need and the elimination of exploitation would remove the material basis for racism and poverty. We spoke of the need for mass, militant, multiracial unity and called for communist revolution.

Abolish the police

On Sunday Black Lives Matter held another demonstration. Five hundred people turned out. Many were young, Black, Latin and white. The police turned out in force. The group organizer spoke about race and police racism. A young Black woman who spoke gave a moving speech about anti-Black racism and called for the abolishment of the police. She had also given an inspiring speech and sang a moving song at the Saturday rally. There were many people who wanted to fight racism but there was no discussion of how to change the racist system and there was no talk of multiracial unity. The young protesters here were enthusiastic and militant, but a lack of class analysis and hatred of the bosses gave the cops an opportunity to obscure the racist nature of police under capitalism. Even though the cops turned out in force, and on horses which nearly rode up on the sidewalk, some of the leaders of this rally disappointingly wound up shaking hands with the police and taking selfies.

Politicians and Black misleaders defend racist capitalism

The third protest was on Monday June 1, 2020. This one was called by the City bosses under the guise of Black leadership. The Black director of the Boys and Girls Club where the police gang unit is headquartered spoke. A Black minister who supports cops in the schools spoke. The police chief who would later that night order an attack on the youth walking home from the rally and the City manager who brought criminal charges against protesters in 2016 also spoke. They all lied about fixing racism while at the same time being the executioners of a racist system.

Even this orgy of racist speakers could not completely shut out the militancy and anti-racism of the working class and our Party. Two thousand people came and then marched to the Court house. Many chanted, " No Justice, No Peace!" Our sign said, "**The Kops, The Kourts, The Nazis and the Klan, All Are A Part of the Bosses Plan!"** Our comrade also carried the red flag and wore a PLP shirt which said "Smash All Borders with communist revolution!"✪

Covid-19 can't stop May Day or revolution

NEWARK, NJ, May 4—Our club celebrated May Day virtually this year. Emboldened by Covid-19's exposure of capitalism's total failure for millions of workers — and laying bare the racism of capitalism worldwide— we invited more than 200 people to "march with us" on May Day. An inspiring video made for the event featured May Day marches from around the world, as well as past PLP May Day marches putting the intergenerational and multiracial membership of our Party on display.

50 people from our two study groups, old friends and newer friends we've met through our work in mass organizations all learned more about the Party. After May Day, some participated in a PLP caravan protesting racist U.S. immigration policies.

Our lead speaker was a Black comrade who is a NYC transit worker. He described the conditions in the MTA, where more than 100 of his coworkers have died from Covid-19. Thousands have tested positive due to the racist negligence of Cuomo and the bankers toward both transit workers and riders. Transit workers have also died in other cities, and some cities have only recently been providing face masks for workers or requiring passengers to wear them (The Guardian, 4/20). He showed how workers are the ones who actually make everything run



in society – and these mostly Black, immigrant and women workers have responded with mass heroism in healthcare, transit, food production and distribution, and more.

Putting forward the Party's analysis of the need for a communist revolution, a retired doctor in our club connected the current pandemic to capitalism, as agriculture for profit has spurred deforestation and emerging viruses. Capitalism's disregard for human life and the environment for profits led to the failure of U.S. capitalist leaders to contain the pandemic, instead of a working class-run communist world that puts workers' health first.

Another Party member addressed our challenges in winning workers to building a mass PLP because of mass cynicism from the collapse of the old communist movement. This may be the hardest task, because the ruling class has worked overtime to build anticommunist lies and to suppress the accomplishments of the once-revolutionary old movement.

Comrades outside the U.S. also spoke, including a worker from China, who described gains for workers and peasants as a result of the 1949 revolution before it was reversed. A professor from Puerto Rico showed images of masses of college students and workers protesting government policies during the 2017 Hurricane Maria devastation, and more protesting today during Covid-19. These examples along with reports about PLP members' work in current mass struggles keep alive the reality that building a successful movement is difficult, but possible.

In our club's evaluation, we discussed how to organize in this period. This included expanding the PLP website and Facebook page; virtual organizing meetings; and finding online ways to discuss work in our areas of concentration on a regional, national, and even international level, not just locally.✪

THIS RACIST SYSTEM—SHUT IT DOWN!



Newark, May 30—The Progressive Labor Party (PLP) and friends fought to share working class communist politics at two demonstrations and a march. The Mayor of Newark, Ras Baraka, spoke under the guise of protesting against police brutality in the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN. He tried seducing masses away from revolutionary ideas of workers power and communist revolution. "We want to march to change the systemic issues...We want good officers to stand up. In Newark, we are fighting right now with the Supreme Court to have the strongest civilian complaint review board."

However, there is no possible way for "good" cops to stand up because the role of the police under capitalism won't allow it. **Racism and sexism are the viruses of the profit system**; it is the foundation of capitalism.

From Covid-19 to George Floyd

Kkkops murdered George Floyd for allegedly using a fake $20 bill. Working class rebellions in response to many murders like his are not unrelated to the way the ruling class has managed the crisis of Covid-19. Worldwide, bosses used their governments to attempt to build class unity between themselves and workers by promoting: "we're all in this together". Instead, class hatred of bosses' disregard for the lives of workers has intensified, while multiracial fightback and anti-racism has grown among workers. Ruling-class imposed lockdowns have resulted in massive attacks on the international working class.

In Newark, the bosses keeping Baraka in charge were incapable of protecting every worker. Instead, Baraka intensified police intimidation in the most exploited and working-class neighborhoods. Thousands of undocumented families had no work or food. Bosses at Newark Beth Israel Hospital suspended a nurse for bringing in protective gear. Incarcerated workers were left to get sick. Many students received failing grades, with total disregard for growing hardships.

How many of us could have benefited from another $20, fake or not, in this time?

Liberal fascist Baraka disarms workers

Whenever the bosses can choose between using ideology or violence to weaken the working class, they will choose to use ideas to brainwash workers and develop misleaders. Now, capitalist ideas of reform and electoral politics have been rejected by workers across the U.S. The use of riot gear, tear gas, rubber bullets, sabotage and brutal physical violence against working class rebellions exposes the true nature of "liberal" misleaders. headOnly an armed revolution led by millions of communist workers committed to anti-racism, anti-sexism and internationalism can stop this racist terror.

Fake "radical" politician Baraka is supported by New Jersey's corporate elite. His job is to hold down the militancy of workers in this mainly Black and Latin city. Rather than organize workers to fight capitalism and the capitalist class that forced workers to be poisoned with lead for years, Baraka and other liberal politicians advocate for passivity. Next year, Newark Public Schools, the state's largest district will lose $36.4 million. According to an nj.com article, when Baraka started as Mayor he had 900 police officers. His goal - 1700 cops - nearly doubled since he took office (12/16/17). After centuries of racist terror, the working class in Newark, (and elsewhere,) know all too well that an increase in KKKiller cops is not to serve the community.

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INTERNATIONAL WORKING-CLASS SOLIDARTY

When Black workers and youth rebel against the capitalist system, it puts the rest of the working class on notice to join. In response to the rebellion in Minneapolis, over 50 countries have protested in solidarity. It's clearer than ever that Black workers' leadership is key to communist revolution.

Brazil: Thousands connected the police murders in the U.S. to the anti-Black racism here. The protest also connected George Flyod with the local police murder of João Pedro Pinto, a 14-year-old Black teen shot in the back.

Syria: Workers in this imperialist war-ravaged country have made a glorious mural in the rubble of Idlib province decrying Floyd's murder and sharply depicting U.S. kkkops wearing the hood of the Klan. U.S. racism has turned with lightning speed into just one more thing to hate about U.S. imperialism. It remains the Achilles' heel of U.S. capitalism.

UK: In a furious display of anti-racist working class internationalism protesters here tore down a statue of slave trader Edward Colson that had stood since 1895 and pushed it to the water's edge dumping and dumped it in Bristol Harbor.

Senegal: Students at Cheikh Anta Diop University protested to condemn and call to end racism worldwide.

Spain: Marchers broke a ban containing their protest to the vicinity of the U.S. embassy and took to Puerta del Sol, one of the city's busiest districts (CNN.com, 6/8).

Cities/countries where sizable protests happened include Nigeria, Argentina, Lithuania, South Africa, Ireland, Brazil, Mexico, Italy, Austria, Japan, South Korea, Poland, Norway, India, Tunisia, Pakistan, South Africa, Sweden, France, the Netherlands, Portugal and more. Many of these protests were directed at U.S. embassies (al-Jazeera, 6/7).

When Black workers in the U.S. rise up, the world takes notice. Protest has become a regular feature of life in U.S. cities, large and small. In U.S. cities with larger Black populations the multiracial, and militant character of the protests have caught the ruling classes off guard. Across the globe, workers have taken notice and followed suit, risking their health to gather in large crowds in solidarity with the fight against racism. Multiracial, integrated, and antiracist protest is essential.

Of all that is rotten and wrong with the reign of U.S. imperialism's liberal world order from climate catastrophe to endless war for oil, it is U.S. racism that has enraged the workers of the world to a degree unseen in decades. We are experiencing the strongest global mass movement since the one that arose in response to U.S. imperialism's genocidal and ultimately failed effort to subdue the heroic workers and peasants of Vietnam, women and men led by the remnants of a once-revolutionary international communist movement. Black workers in uniformed rebellion were key in making the U.S. ruling class campaign of mass murder in Vietnam untenable.

Black workers remain key in sparking movements where the limits of ruling class power are made plain. As one veteran of the fighting in Minneapolis put it in a PLP forum when speaking about his enemy, the police: "At the end of the day, they are in this for the paycheck. They will never be willing to go as far as us."

Such wisdom and truth revealed to a new generation can only leave ruling classes quaking in their boots. It leaves communists with increased confidence that we will win, and that Black workers will be key to this victory. We are experiencing just a taste of a world where the struggle of the working class vs. the ruling class, and not between imperialist ruling classes, is the main thing driving events. Inter-imperialist rivalry no doubt still remains the main contradiction in the world; Iran, Russia, and China are already jumping to use the Floyd protests to attack the U.S. 's standing.

Only communism can meet the latent, inextinguishable and now powerful aspiration of the billions who yearn for a world free from the scourge of racism. Anti-racist ideas have gripped the masses and become a material force. We see more clearly how communism can win. This historical-world-historical shift PLP is dedicated to bringing about. Join us!

